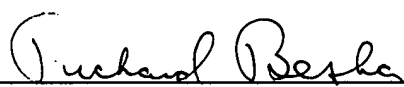


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By the foregoing amendment, the subject matter of claim 2, previously indicated allowable in the Office Action of April 28, 2004 has been brought up into claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 as amended should now be formally allowable. Further, the dependency of claim 3 has been changed to claim 1 since the subject matter of its prior dependency, i.e., claim 2 has been incorporated into claim 1. The remaining claims 4 and 5 are dependent upon claim 1 as amended. Accordingly, since claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 2 previously indicated allowable, applicant believes the application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification of the formal allowance of the application is respectfully requested. If minor changes are deemed necessary the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned to the end that the application can be placed in formal condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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